

ALL-AREA BOYS SOCCER TEAM  
PLAYER OF THE YEAR **MIGUEL MORALES**

All-Area  
First Team



Andrew Berg



Adriano Bordoli



Scott Cairns



Erick Garcia



Justin Gavin



Kyle Gumm



Brandon Gutierrez



Leonard Jean-Jacques



Shane Laychur



Edgar Mendez



Reid Mortell



Aaron Roberson



Eduardo Sandoval



Justin Sanguily

**ANDREW BERG**  
**Sebastian River senior defender**  
**Stats:** 1 goal, 4 assists, 6 points

**ADRIANO BORDOLI**  
**Vero Beach senior defender**  
**Stats:** 1 assist, 1 point, helped lead Indians to district title

**SCOTT CAIRNS**  
**Sebastian River senior defender**  
**Stats:** Helped Sharks post Treasure Coast-best 14 shutouts

**ERICK GARCIA**  
**Okeechobee senior forward**  
**Stats:** 19 goals, 10 assists, 48 points

**JUSTIN GAVIN**  
**Treasure Coast junior forward**  
**Stats:** 8 goals, 5 assists, 21 points

**KYLE GUMM**  
**St. Lucie West Centennial senior goalkeeper**  
**Stats:** 8 shutouts, 110 saves, 2 assists

**BRANDON GUTIERREZ**  
**Fort Pierce Central senior midfielder**  
**Stats:** 8 goals, 15 assists, 31 points

**LEONARD JEAN JACQUES**  
**St. Lucie West Centennial senior midfielder**  
**Stats:** 1 goal, 8 assists, 10 points

**SHANE LAYCHUR**  
**Jensen Beach junior midfielder**  
**Stats:** 10 goals, 9 assists, 29 points

**EDGAR MENDEZ**  
**Vero Beach sophomore midfielder**  
**Stats:** 2 goals, 3 assists, 7 points



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Miguel Morales of Fort Pierce Central is the 2012 Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers Boys Soccer Player of the Year.

# A winning touch

## Miguel Morales of Fort Pierce Central added strength without losing speed and his goal total soared

**By Jon Santucci**  
Special to Treasure Coast Newspapers

FORT PIERCE— Miguel Morales always had the skill, he just needed more strength.

While it wasn't an exact replica of the Charles Atlas' commercial with a sand-kicking bully, the Fort Pierce Central forward was tired of getting knocked off the ball by more physical defenders when he was a sophomore.

So he signed up for weightlifting classes and over the last two years, the muscle — and goals — quickly came.

Morales, the Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers All-Area Boys Soccer Player of the Year, scored 47 goals and added 11 assists for the Cobras as a senior this season. He scored 11 of his goals in Central's postseason run, which fell just short — approximately 10 minutes away — from reaching the Final Four for the first time.

"I really tried to get bigger," said Morales, who put on 25 pounds in the last two years. "To get my legs stronger I did squats and leg lunges. I was benching and doing curls — anything that will make me bigger, but not too big. I'm pretty fast, so I don't want to get slow. I want to make them double team me to get the ball.

"I didn't imagine I was going to do this good. Everything came together. At the beginning of the

### Player of the Year

**Miguel Morales**  
**Fort Pierce Central senior forward**  
**Stats:** Led the Treasure Coast with 47 goals and 11 assists for 105 points. Morales finished his career with 100 goals. He was named the Florida Dairy Farmers Class 4A Player of the Year and finished third in the voting for the Florida Dairy Farmers' Mr. Soccer award.  
**Coach Jay Stewart:** "The year he had was the year we needed him to have. Without his contributions to our season, we obviously would have gone home early — particularly after (losing to) Martin County (in the District 14-4A championship game). He stepped up and produced for us against Melbourne (in the Region 4-4A quarterfinal) and again against Sebastian River (in the Region 4-4A semifinal). He scored key goals for us to help keep us alive. He's one of those players who comes along once in a coach's career."

season, I wanted to be player of the year. I wanted it last year but I didn't get it. This year, I'm super happy about it."

One of the things that makes Morales so difficult to stop is his first touch. Despite being closely marked by opposing defenders, Morales often does more the first time he touches the ball than other players can do in four or five touches.

"That separates him," Central coach Jay Stewart said. "A couple years ago, I told him he had to develop a better first touch. Miguel has been given a lot of God-given ability, but he worked really hard at developing it.

"He makes it look easy, but he worked really hard. Other play-

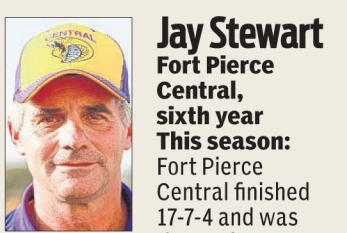
ers in our program have ability, but the work ethic that Miguel has is what sets him apart from other athletes."

For more proof of Morales' skill, look no further than the fact that every team Central played focused on stopping Morales. Every team knew what Central wanted to do on offense — and they couldn't stop it.

"I like the feeling that they think the ball has to come to me to be effective," Morales said. "I know when I get the ball, they're going to pressure me, but there's always someone else I can pass it to to make a run and they can pass it to me."

As good as Morales was during the regular season, he was excep-

### Coach of the Year



**Jay Stewart**  
**Fort Pierce Central, sixth year**  
**This season:** Fort Pierce Central finished 17-7-4 and was the Region 4-4A runner-up. The Cobras also were the District 14-4A runner-up and upset Melbourne and Sebastian River in the regional playoffs before falling to Hialeah-American 3-2. Central had not won a regional game before this season.

**Quotable:** "It was my third year with this group of guys and it was sort of one of those years we felt we could have a good season. We still felt it could have been better. We didn't do too well in the district finals, but the kids responded and they were as tough as nails. We came up just a little short there in the end, but getting as far as we did was rewarding. It was an outstanding experience."

tional in the postseason. Morales scored in all six games, including three game-winners.  
"It wasn't just me," Morales said. "Our defense played great all those games."

### First Team

**REID MORTELL**  
**Pine School sophomore forward**  
**Stats:** 38 goals, 10 assists, 86 points

**AARON ROBERSON**  
**Sebastian River junior forward**  
**Stats:** 17 goals, 3 assists, 37 points

**EDUARDO SANDOVAL**  
**Martin County senior goalkeeper**  
**Stats:** 7 shutouts, 0.64 goals against average

**JUSTIN SANGUILY**  
**Martin County junior defender**  
**Stats:** 1 goal, 4 assists, 6 points

### Honorable Mention

**TYLER BRENNER**  
Martin County junior, midfielder

**TIM ENSMANN**  
SLW Centennial senior, forward

**MICHAEL ENSMANN**  
John Carroll sophomore, midfielder

**SERAFIN ESPINOZA**  
Okeechobee senior, goalkeeper

**BRADLEY FARIAS**  
South Fork sophomore, forward

**JOEL FLAMING**  
Master's Academy defender/midfielder

**C.J. FITZPATRICK**  
Jensen Beach sophomore, midfielder

**ALVARO GIL**  
Fort Pierce Central senior, defender

**JULIAN GIRALDO**  
Port St. Lucie junior, forward

**TYLER LARAMIE**  
Martin County senior, midfielder

**KEVIN MARQUEZ**  
Port St. Lucie freshman, forward

**GRANT MORTELL**  
Pine School senior, midfielder

**ROCKEFELLER ORELUS**  
Fort Pierce Westwood senior, midfielder

**ANDREW OTTO**  
Treasure Coast junior, defender

**ADAN PENA**  
Sebastian River junior, midfielder

**HUNTER PRITCHARD**  
Okeechobee junior, forward

**JACK RARDIN**  
St. Edward's senior, forward

**AARON RUIZ**  
Sebastian River senior, defender

**CARLOS SANCHEZ**  
St. Lucie West Centennial senior, midfielder

**ADAM SHIELDS**  
Vero Beach junior, defender

**AUSTIN TAGNER**  
Treasure Coast junior, defender

**OLIVER WILKEY**  
St. Edward's senior, defender

“He makes it look easy, but he worked really hard.”

**Jay Stewart**, Central coach on Miguel Morales

### The Team

The 2012 Boys Soccer team was compiled by Jon Santucci



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### All-Area Schedule

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	WEDNESDAY
Girls soccer	Boys soccer	Wrestling	Girls basketball	Boys basketball	Girls weightlifting